



# Clallam Conservation District

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## Conservation District Elections and Appointments Q & A

### ELECTIONS

***Q: What are Conservation District elections?***

**A:** Countywide elections for one of three positions on the Conservation District Board of Supervisors. The full Board is comprised of five members, each serving a three-year term.

***Q: Who is eligible to serve on the Board?***

**A:** Qualified Clallam County electors (registered voters).

***Q: Who is eligible to vote?***

**A:** All Clallam County registered voters.

***Q: When are elections held?***

**A:** In the first quarter of each year. Date is set by Board resolution. The 2007 elections will be February 20 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

***Q: Where are elections held?***

**A:** Sequim, Port Angeles, and Forks. Specific locations to be announced.

***Q: Why aren't Conservation District elections on the General Ballot?***

**A:** State law (RCW 89.08.190) mandates conservation district elections be during the first quarter of the year.

***Q: Why aren't elections conducted by the County?***

**A:** County-conducted elections are currently cost-prohibitive. The County Auditor's estimated cost to conduct the elections is about \$35,000.

***Q: How does one get on the ballot?***

**A:** A Nominating Petition signed by at least 25 registered voters must be submitted to the Clallam Conservation District before February 2, 2007.

***Q: What are the duties and powers of Supervisors?***

**A:** The Board of Supervisors prioritizes local conservation needs and directs the implementation of plans to protect soil, water, wildlife, and other renewable natural resources, overseeing the work of a staff of six.

***Q: Are Supervisors compensated for their service?***

**A:** No. Board of Supervisor positions are unpaid. However, they are eligible for reimbursement for official travel.

***Q: Who currently serves on the Board of Supervisors?***

**A:** Bob Forde, Don Hatler, and Joe Murray are the three elected supervisors. Nash Huber and Ben Smith are the two appointed supervisors. The elected term presently held by Joe Murray expires in February 2007. The appointed term presently held by Nash Huber expires in March 2007.

**APPOINTMENTS**

***Q: Who appoints Supervisors?***

**A:** The Washington State Conservation Commission. A Recommendation for Appointed Supervisor must be submitted to the Conservation Commission by March 1 to be considered for appointment.

**QUICK ELECTION FACTS**

**A Nominating Petition signed by 25 registered voters is required to be on the ballot.**

**Nominating Petitions may be obtained from either:**

Clallam Conservation District  
1601 E Front Street, Bldg./Suite A  
Port Angeles, WA 98362  
(360) 452-1912 x 5

**OR**

Wash. State Conservation Commission  
P.O. Box 47721  
Olympia, WA 98504-7721  
(360) 407-6200

**Deadline for submitting Nominating Petition: February 2, 2007**

**Election Date: February 20 , 2007**

**Election Time: 4:00pm to 7:00pm**

**Polling Locations: TBA (polling stations will be located in Sequim, Port Angeles, and Forks)**